

Amendments to the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented): A plasmid comprising a vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative, wherein the vector contains more than 1 repetitive SK primer sequence element.

2. (previously presented): The plasmid of claim 1, wherein the vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative comprises 2, 7, 14, 21 or 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

3. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1, wherein a hybridizing sequence comprising a detectable element is bound to the SK primer sequence elements ~~comprise a marker that binds to a target structure during hybridization [complex]~~.

~~4. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1, wherein the vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative comprises two SK primer sequence elements, and wherein SK primer sequence element is 5'- GATCCACTAGTTCTAGAGCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 5).~~

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~~4~~ 5. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1 wherein SK oligonucleotides which are modified at their end with a detectable element with end modification can be bound thereto and said [[by a]] detectable element [[that]] is detectable by electron microscopy.

~~5~~ 6. (previously presented): The plasmid of claim ~~5~~ ⁴, wherein the detectable element is selected from the group consisting of boron, silicon, iron and manganese.

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~~7~~. (currently amended): A method of ~~detecting a target structure by~~ analytical electron microscopy, comprising the steps: ~~of adding~~

- a) providing the plasmid of claim 1;
- b) adding ~~a marker~~ SK oligonucleotides comprising a detectable element to the plasmid, thereby forming ~~to form~~ a plasmid-marker complex; and
- c) ~~binding the plasmid-marker complex to the target structure; and~~
- d) imaging the ~~bound~~ complex by electron microscopy.

8. (previously presented): A host cell transformed with the plasmid of claim 1.

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~~9~~. (previously presented): The host cell of claim 8, wherein the host cell is *E. coli* JM110.

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~~10~~. (previously presented): A test kit for use in electron microscopy comprising:
a) host *E. coli* JM110 bacterial cells suitable for replicating the plasmid of claim 1; and

b) a single-stranded plasmid comprising at least one of 2, 7, 14, 21, and 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

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~~11~~. (previously presented): The host cell of claim 8, wherein the cell is *E. coli*.

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~~12~~. (previously presented): A reagent for electron microscopy comprising a pBluescript KS(+) derivative that comprises a multiple SK primer sequence element; and a SK oligonucleotide with end modification by a detectable element, wherein the element is detectable by electron microscopy.

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~~13~~. (previously presented): The reagent of claim ~~12~~⁶, wherein the detectable element is selected from the group consisting of boron, silicon, iron and manganese.